GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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OPIUM CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas under opium cultivation at present in the country State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has a proposal to increase opium production; and

(c) if so, the details of the areas under opium production proposed in 2008-09 and subsequent years during Eleventh Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): The State wise area (in hectares) licensed for cultivation of opium during the current crop year 2007-08 is as under :-

S.No.	Name of State	Area in hectares licensed for cultivation of opium poppy during the crop year 2007-08
1	Madhya Pradesh	2830
2	Rajasthan	1844
3	Uttar Pradesh	6
	Total	4680

(b) & (c): The decision to increase opium production or otherwise will be taken while finalizing the General Licensing Conditions. The General Licensing Conditions for the opium crop year 2008-09 are likely to be finalized only by August/September 2008. Similarly, the area under cultivation for subsequent years will be decided while finalizing the General Licensing Conditions for those years.